**DISTANCE SCOUTING PROGRAMME 18**

**(17 JULY 2020)**

**“THE DRINGLES – CELEBRATION”**

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| **You have until 19h00 on Friday 24 July 2020 to complete this programme. Follow the instructions carefully and you will be marked “present” for the programme, earn points for your patrol and hopefully compete some advancement and prepare for upcoming programmes and camps. More importantly, HAVE FUN!!!** |

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| **Equipment required for programme:**   * A cellphone with internet access and WhatsApp access to your patrol WhatsApp Group. * A phone or camera with the ability to take a video. * A bucket and a ball or something similar * Your “Jars of Hope” made last week. * Your personal journal |

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| **The PL should, as always, designate who is doing what and, if nobody is doing an item (such as posting a training video) do this item so that the patrol can complete the programme.** |

Last week you evaded the remaining Grizlods and led your patrol to safety. You also managed to collect some much-needed food for the humans and have made your way back to your home Run.

All in all the Runnymead was a success, though it was a great deal of work! Your home Run has set up a party in your honour and, although you still need to distribute your food collected for Mandela Day, the Dringle Run has declared the rest of the week a holiday with only relaxing items allowed. Have fun!

**INSPECTION:**

Welcome to your holiday! With all the worries in the world, it is very important to remember to relax and have fun. After all, a Dringle smiles and whistles under all difficulties.

Take a picture of you taking part in a relaxing activity that you enjoy. It can be ANYTHING! Post the picture on your Patrol WhatsApp group along with a brief description of what you are doing to relax and have some fun.

**MANDELA DAY:**

Last week you should have made arrangements to collect and distribute your “Jars of Hope” for Mandela Day. Even if you are on holiday, as a Dringle you can find time to do this one small item of work.

Take a picture of you handing over or distributing your Jars of Hope and post it on your patrol WhatsApp Group. If you have not taken part in the Jars of Hope collection, do a good deed for someone on Mandela Day and post a picture or a description of what you did on your patrol WhatsApp Group.

**GAME 1 – WHODUNNIT?**

Dringles love a good murder mystery, so unsurprisingly part of the celebrations are an old fashioned “Whodunnit”.

Old Mrs McDonald is visited by her grandson every Friday after school. One Friday the grandson arrives at the house to find some blood splatters on the porch amongst a whole lot of items. He lets himself into her house with his key only to find his grandmother dead, with a knife in her back! It looks like she just managed to get back in the house and lock the door behind her before she died.

The grandson calls the police. A detective looks at the scene of the murder (the porch) carefully. The blood splatters are not too large and could easily be overlooked. On the porch are the following items:

* A flyer for the circus featuring “Dandy Dan the Knife Man”, who throws knives at an assistant blindfolded!
* Two bottles of milk, unopened and undrunk.
* Some letters, unopened. On investigation they appear to be routine bills. One however shows that Gran owed Acme Knives R300 for a special steak knife that she bought two weeks before.
* The newspaper from Tuesday. Acme Knives is running an advert on pg 3 for the same knife that Gran bought at the special price of R275.
* A note from a handyman offering his services for “odd jobs”.
* A paperclip.
* A welcome mat. This is the only item (except for the porch itself) with blood on it.

The detective picks up her phone, makes a call and goes off to call her prime suspect in for questioning. The suspect later confesses. Who is the prime suspect?

Post your answer, together with your logic as to how you worked out who the prime suspect is, on your patrol WhatsApp Group. You could post the name of a person (eg Dandy Dan) or a description of the person (eg the postman). Whodunnit?

**GAME 2 – DRINGLE BALL:**



Dringles love physical games. One of their favourites is Dringle Ball. It’s quite simple, but a firm favourite with the whole Run.

Put a bucket on a chair. The object is to throw the ball into the bucket from as far away as possible. The further the better!

Within your patrol, play a round of Dringle Ball. The winner is the person who throws the ball into the bucket from furthest away. You can play as many times as you want, just post your best distance together with a photo or video of you playing Dringle Ball on your Patrol Group. PLs, why not challenge other patrols?

**GAME 3 – STOP JOKING AROUND:**

What could be more fun than sharing a joke with friends? Post a voicenote or a written joke (with the punchline) on your patrol WhatsApp Group.

Remember your Scout Law, so:

* Watch your language!
* Nothing offensive please!
* Make sure your joke is age appropriate for an eleven-year old scout (no “adult” jokes).

**FUTURE FUN:**

It’s always nice to have something to look forward to, and Scouting offers plenty to look forward to.

Find out about one upcoming National or International scouting event that you would like to attend in the future. For older scouts you may want to consider looking at a rover event or attending a scout event as an adult leader.

**Attending an event with international scouts is a great opportunity to get your World Friendship Badge. For the requirements visit** <https://scoutwiki.scouts.org.za/index.php?title=World_Friendship_Scout_Interest_Badge>

Some ideas you can consider are:

* The National Senior Scout Adventure (Cederberg);
* The South African National Jamboree (SANJAMB);
* The World Scout Jamboree (next one is in South Korea);
* The South African National Rover Moot;
* The World Rover Moot (next one is in Ireland);
* Staffing at the Kandersteg International Scout Centre in Switzerland.

Find out as much as you can about your chosen activity (requirements to attend, cost, what it’s all about, when the next event is happening etc) and post your findings on your Patrol WhatsApp Group. You can do this in the form of a voice note, a video or a written note.

**BLOGS:**

Post an update in either your personal log or on your patrol Blog on what you did this week as a momento of your holiday

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**



* Congratulations to Simon Kleer on achieving his Backwoodsman Badge and to Hayden Evans on completing his Handyman Badge.
* Entries for Kim Shield are now open. Kim Shield will be taking place on 12 September 2020. Places are filling up fast, so let your PL know if you are keen on taking place so that your patrol can enter.
* SCOUTS South Africa has challenged each troop to take part in a hike to Mafikeng. BP was in charge of Mafikeng (now Mahikeng) during the Second Anglo-Boer / Anglo-South African War. In order to get to his post he would have travelled from Cape Town, some 1 290km away. The challenge is for the troop to complete this distance, for which we will receive a certificate. Go out each day and make a note of how far you “hike”. Together we need to try and reach 1 290km before 1 August 2020. If you personally complete 20km, you will get a badge. Details of the challenge can be found at <https://www.scouts.org.za/hike-mahikeng-challenge/>

The troop would like to issue out two special challenges:

1. Can your patrol cover the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol that achieves this feat.
2. Can you personally complete the 1 290km before 1 August 2020? 100 points to each patrol member that completes this feat and a special prize at the end of lockdown.

Remember to post updates on your patrol WhatsApp group as to how far you have travelled so that this can be added to your time for the challenge!

* Applications for the National Senior Scout Adventure are now open. If you are going to be 15 or older please message your PL that you want to take part and register at <https://cederbergadventure.co.za/>. **DO NOT PAY A DEPOSIT YET!!!**
* A reminder that SCOUTS South Africa has made branded facemasks available at a cost of R40,00 per mask, excluding delivery. Visit the online scout shop at <https://shop.scouts.org.za/> to place your order.
* The Northrand Scout District is running a competition for all NORTHRAND Scouts. The Northrand Scout that earns the most interest and/or scoutcraft badges during the lockdown will win a prize worth roughly R150,00. Can you be the best in the district and scoop the prize?

SCOUTS South Africa has developed a Covid-19 awareness badge. Are you up to the challenge? Visit <https://www.scouts.org.za/2020/05/26/covid-19-awareness-badge/> for information on the requirements.

* This Distance Scouting Programme is an experiment. We would appreciate constructive feedback on the programme. Please send this to [andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za](mailto:andrew.campbell@scouts.org.za).

**TROOP DISMISSED!**